

WANTED AT THE CROSS ROADS.

I was in a hurry to reach home. No wonder, for it was the wildest night I had ever known in all my life, and the country over which I took my way as bad and dark as country roads in general. Consequently I was walking at a great rate, with the collar of my rough coat over my ears, and a comforter tied over my shoulders, and under my chin, to keep it on and protect my ears, when suddenly a man stood full in my path and caught me by the arm.

"Hullo!" said he, "you're just in time; you are wanted at the cross roads to-night!"

The voice was the voice of a ruffian. I fancied myself attacked by a highwayman. I stood quite still, and strove to show him by my manner that I was able to protect myself.

"What the d— am I wanted at the cross roads for?" said I. "Unless I choose, it would be a very hard matter to get me there."

But instead of producing a pistol and demanding my money or my life, the man answered in an altered tone.

"Beg pardon. I made a mistake. I thought it was my brother, and wanted to frighten him. Bad night sir."

"Very," said I.

"You don't know the time sir?" he asked.

"It was seven when I left the train at L—," said I.

"Thank ye sir," said the man. "Good night."

"Good night," said I.

If the object had been robbery, probably he had decided from my rough appearance that I was the poor man to be worth the trouble.

But after all, I thought, probably he spoke the truth. A man may have such a voice without being a highwayman no doubt.

So I went on homeward, and soon found myself under shelter, and partaking of a warm and savory supper.

My mother was there and brother Ben. Ben was a great strapping fellow who could beat any other boy of his age for miles around, if it came to wrestling or boxing, and as good humored a boy as ever lived; a boy always to mother and I, though he had experienced his right to vote already in one Presidential election.

When supper was over, and we had chatted for an hour, we went up stairs together. We share one room together.

The moment Ben's head touched the pillow he always went to sleep. That night I followed his example.

But I did not sleep long without a dream—a dream which felt a rough grip on my arm, and was roused by a cry in my ear:

"Wake up! You're wanted at the cross roads!"

It was so real, so palpable, that when I started broad awake, I actually believed that some one was in the room; the man who had met me on the road perhaps, and who intended robbery or violence. But when I had risen, and lit my lamp, the room was empty, except myself and Ben, who lay snoring on his pillow.

I went to the door, it was locked. I went to the window; the rush of rain against the panes was all I heard. I even went across the passage to my mother's room. She was awake; there had been no unusual sound she was sure.

Only a dream born of my meeting the strange man in the road, I felt had awakened me. I went to bed and fell asleep again. Again I was awakened by the same words, this time shrieked in my ear in an unearthly voice.

"Wake up, wake up! You are wanted at the cross roads!"

I was on my feet once more, and caught Ben's hands as he came over toward my bed.

"What all you?" he cried.

"Nothing," said I. "Did you hear a voice?"

"Yours," said Ben, "yelling wake up; you fairly frightened me."

"Ben," said I, "wait till I light the lamp; I heard another voice. There must be some one in the house, or outside."

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girl standing at the foot of my bed. A girl in white robes, with golden hair all about her shoulders, who rung her hands and cried, "Oh wake up, you are wanted at the cross roads."

This time I started out of bed, bathed in a cold perspiration. I trembled like a leaf. I had no doubt that I had received supernatural warning.

"Ben," I cried, "Ben, for the third time I have been told that I am wanted at the cross roads, and I am going."

And I began to dress myself as speedily as possible, listening the while to the storm raging wilder and wilder than at any other period since its commencement.

Ben remonstrated with me in vain. At last he also began to huddle on his clothes.

"If you have gone mad I must go with you, and take care of you," he said; "but fancy another man going out in a storm like this to the cross roads, because a nightmare caused him to do so, and what would you think of him?"

I said nothing. All I could have answered would have been: "I am compelled to go; I must go. I dare not refuse whatever may be thought of me."

In ten minutes we were splashing through the mud and rain along the road. It was perfectly dark; now and then a blazed red star in the distance told us that a lamp was beaming through the rain in some cottage window, but otherwise we would have been unconscious of our proximity to any habitation whatever. At last, nearing the spot where the road from S— crosses the road from P—, we were indeed in as solitary a place as can be imagined.

The house, which abutted on the very angle of the roads, called in familiar parlance the Cross Roads, was the only one for some distance in either direction, and certainly on such a night we were not likely to meet many travelers.

All was quiet as the grave. We stood quite still. In a moment Ben broke out in one of his wildest laughs.

"Well," he said, "how now? Will you go home now, and have another nightmare?"

But hardly had the words escaped his lips, when a shriek broke on the air, and a woman's voice plainly coming from the interior of the cottage, cried:

"Help! help! help!"

"Ben," said I, "we are wanted at the cross roads," and then understanding each other, without more words we made our way to a window, through which a light shone. A muslin curtain draped the panes, but through it we saw an awful sight.

An old man lay on the floor, and over him bent a ruffian, clutching his throat, while another man grasped a shrieking girl by the arm—a girl in a floating night dress—with such long, floating hair as belonged to the girl of my vision.

Not a moment was to be wasted. Ben flung his weight against the slender lattice and crushed it in, and we had grappled the ruffians before they knew whence the attack came, or how many foes were upon them.

I do not intend to describe the struggle; indeed, I could not, if I would. But we were strong men, and inspired by the cries of the helpless old man and the terrified girl, we soon had one of the villains bound, and the other lying prostrate on the floor.

Then Ben started for assistance, and before morning both were in jail. Ben admitting, as we shook each other by the hand, that "we were wanted at the cross roads."

The old man was not a miser, but he had saved some few thousands for his old age, and living more plainly than he need have done, had given rise to the rumor, and so brought the burglars to the cross roads in the hope of booty.

The girl, a beautiful creature of seventeen, was his grand daughter, and as no story is acceptable to the lady readers without a flavor of romance, I will tell them that she became in after years, not my wife, but the wife of my darling brother Ben.

Josh Billingsisms.

It strains a man's philosophy the wust kind tw luff when he gits bent.

Awl ov us kumplain ov the shortness ov life, yet we awl waste more time than we use.

Don't mistake arogance for wisdom; menny people boy thought tha wuz wize when tha wuz onla windy.

The principal difference between a luxury and a necessary is the price.

"Give the devil his due," but be careful that there ain't much due him.

After a man has rode fast onst he never wants to go slow again.

It won't do to stir up a man when he is thinking, cunny more than it will a pan of milk when the cream is rising.

It is easy enough to raise the devil, but he's a hard crop to reap.

The Leavenworth Bulletin of the 22d ult., calls the female Africans of that city "black legs," and calls upon the city guardians to prevent their display upon the streets. The Bulletin is a very Radical paper, and is very naughty in talking in this wise of its colored sisters.

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